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SUBJECT: HORN OF AFRICA: CUBAN DIPLOMAT'S VIEW

1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION ON NON-ALIGNED SUBJECTS MARCH 1 WITH CUBAN UN DIPLOMAT JUAN BLANCO, MISSOFF INFORMALLY ASKED FOR VIEWS ON HORN OF AFRICA. BLANCO STATED THAT CUBAN POSITION IN ETHIOPIA WAS IDEOLOGICALLY MOTIVATED, JUST AS IT WAS IN ANGOLA AND PUERTO RICO. JUST AS CUBA COULD NOT IGNORE THE WISH OF EVEN ONE PUERTO RICAN FOR INDEPENDENCE, CUBA HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT A COMPATIBLE MARXIST REGIME AGAINST OUTSIDE ATTACK. CUBA TRUSTED THE ETHIOPIAN ASSURANCES TO CUBA, THAT ETHIOPIA HAD NO DESIGNS ON SOMALIA PROPER. OF COURSE CUBA HAD ALSO TRUSTED PARALLEL SOMALI ASSURANCES A FEW YEARS BACK, BUT THE SITUATION WAS NOW "DIFFERENT" (I.E., ETHIOPIA'S BEING ON THE DEFENSIVE MADE ITS ASSURANCES SOMEHOW MORE CREDIBLE).

2. REGARDING UN ACTION, BLANCO SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE OF AFRICAN AGREEMENT TO SECURITY COUNCIL SESSIONS ON THE HORN UNTIL THE SOMALIS HAD BEEN KICKED
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OUT OF THE OGADEN. MISSOFF ASKED IF CUBANS WOULD ALSO THEN LEAVE THE AREA, IF THEIR ONLY AVOWED PURPOSE, ACCORDING TO BLANCO, WAS TO RESTORE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA. BLANCO HEDGED, SAID HE WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR CUBA, AND THEN OFFERED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT US SHOULD NOT EXPECT ALL CUBANS TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA ONCE THE OGADEN WAS REGAINED. THE ETHIOPIANS MIGHT WELL

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ASK SOME OF THEM TO STAY -- A REQUEST CUBA MIGHT FIND
HARD TO TURN DOWN. YOUNG

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